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FORTIETH DAY

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

The House of Representatives of the Twenty-Sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, convened at 12:08 o'clock p.m., with Speaker Say presiding.

The invocation was delivered in song by former Representative Lynn Finnegan, Executive Director of the Hawaii Charter Schools Network, after which the Roll was called showing all Members present with the exception of Representatives Carroll and Manahan, who were excused.

By unanimous consent, reading and approval of the Journal of the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Ninth Day was deferred.

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. Nos. 428 and 429) were received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 428, transmitting H.B. No. 2429, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on March 27, 2012.

Sen. Com. No. 429, transmitting H.B. No. 2584, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NOTICE OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on March 27, 2012.

Representative Chong moved to disagree to the amendments made by the Senate to the following House Bills, seconded by Representative Evans and carried: (Representatives Carroll and Manahan were excused.)

H.B. No. 2429, HD 1, (SD 1)
H.B. No. 2584, HD 1, (SD 1)

ORDER OF THE DAY

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Souki, for the Committee on Transportation presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1339-12), recommending that H.R. No. 17, as amended in HD 1, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Chong, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.R. No. 17, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE THE IMPACT OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE ACCIDENTS ON CHILDREN," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Carroll and Manahan being excused.

Representative Souki, for the Committee on Transportation presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1340-12), recommending that H.C.R. No. 33, as amended in HD 1, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Chong, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 33, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE THE IMPACT OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE ACCIDENTS ON CHILDREN," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Carroll and Manahan being excused.

Representative Tsuji, for the Committee on Agriculture presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1341-12), recommending that H.C.R. No.

138, be referred jointly to the Committee on Higher Education and the Committee on Education.

On motion by Representative Chong, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 138, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE RENAMING OF THE SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS (STEM) INITIATIVES TO THE SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING AGRICULTURE MATHEMATICS (STEAM) INITIATIVES," was referred jointly to the Committee on Higher Education and the Committee on Education, with Representatives Carroll and Manahan being excused.

Representative Tsuji, for the Committee on Agriculture presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1342-12), recommending that H.C.R. No. 147, be referred to the Committee on Legislative Management.

On motion by Representative Chong, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 147, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A MANAGEMENT AUDIT OF THE MEASUREMENT STANDARDS BRANCH WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE," was referred to the Committee on Legislative Management, with Representatives Carroll and Manahan being excused.

Representative Tsuji, for the Committee on Agriculture presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1343-12), recommending that H.C.R. No. 207, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Chong, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 207, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP LONG-RANGE GOALS AND PLANS FOR THE MOLOKAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Carroll and Manahan being excused.

Representative Tsuji, for the Committee on Agriculture presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1344-12), recommending that H.C.R. No. 208, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Chong, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 208, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ADDRESS THE DANGEROUSLY LOW LEVEL OF IRRIGATION WATER SUPPLY AND IMPROVE THE AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Carroll and Manahan being excused.

Representative Souki, for the Committee on Transportation presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1345-12) recommending that H.R. No. 86, be adopted.

On motion by Representative Chong, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.R. No. 86, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO EXTEND THE HOURS DURING WHICH PARKING IS PROHIBITED ON ISENBERG STREET," was adopted, with Representatives Carroll and Manahan being excused.

Representative Souki, for the Committee on Transportation presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1346-12) recommending that H.C.R. No. 113, be adopted.

On motion by Representative Chong, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 113, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO EXTEND THE HOURS DURING WHICH PARKING IS PROHIBITED ON ISENBERG STREET," was adopted, with Representatives Carroll and Manahan being excused.

Representative Souki, for the Committee on Transportation presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1347-12) recommending that H.R. No. 72, be adopted.

On motion by Representative Chong, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.R. No. 72, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON DATE STREET BETWEEN KAPIOLANI BOULEVARD AND LA'AU STREET DURING THE MORNING HOURS TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION," was adopted, with Representatives Carroll and Manahan being excused.

Representative Souki, for the Committee on Transportation presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1348-12) recommending that H.C.R. No. 100, be adopted.

On motion by Representative Chong, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 100, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON DATE STREET BETWEEN KAPIOLANI BOULEVARD AND LA'AU STREET DURING THE MORNING HOURS TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION," was adopted, with Representatives Carroll and Manahan being excused.

Representative Souki, for the Committee on Transportation presented two reports:

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1349-12) recommending that H.R. No. 44, be adopted; and

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1350-12) recommending that H.C.R. No. 63, be adopted.

Representative Chong moved that the reports of the Committee be adopted, and that H.R. No. 44; and H.C.R. No. 63, be adopted, seconded by Representative Evans.

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Thielen
Rep. Awana

TO BE INSERTED: Rep. Awana
(Submit by Monday, April 2)

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the reports of the Committee were adopted and H.R. No. 44, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO PROCLAIM JULY 13, 2012, AS "COLLECTOR CAR APPRECIATION DAY"," was adopted, with Representatives Carroll and Manahan being excused; and

H.C.R. No. 63, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO PROCLAIM JULY 13, 2012, AS "COLLECTOR CAR APPRECIATION DAY"," was adopted, with Representatives Carroll and Manahan being excused.

Representatives Brower and Awana, for the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on International Affairs presented two reports:

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1351-12) recommending that H.R. No. 25, as amended in HD 1, be adopted; and

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1352-12) recommending that H.C.R. No. 46, as amended in HD 1, be adopted.

Representative Chong moved that the reports of the Committees be adopted, and that H.R. No. 25, HD 1; and H.C.R. No. 46, HD 1, be adopted, seconded by Representative Evans.

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Takai
Rep. Awana

TO BE INSERTED: Rep. Takai
Rep. Awana

(Submit by Monday, April 2)

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the reports of the Committees were adopted, and H.R. No. 25, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE VISA IMPROVEMENTS TO STIMULATE INTERNATIONAL TOURISM TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACT," was adopted, with Representatives Carroll and Manahan being excused; and

H.C.R. No. 46, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE VISA IMPROVEMENTS TO STIMULATE INTERNATIONAL TOURISM TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACT," was adopted, with Representatives Carroll and Manahan being excused.

Representative Keith-Agaran, for the Committee on Judiciary presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1353-12) recommending that S.B. No. 3029, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Representative Chong moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 3029, SD 1, HD 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading, seconded by Representative Evans.

REMARKS DELIVERED: Speaker Say
Rep. Riviere
Speaker Say

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3029, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATUTORY REVISION: AMENDING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES AND THE SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII FOR THE PURPOSE OF CORRECTING ERRORS AND REFERENCES AND CLARIFYING LANGUAGE," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading, with Representatives Carroll and Manahan being excused.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Ching
Speaker Say

COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS

The following measures were re-referred to committee by the Speaker:

<u>S.B.</u> <u>Nos.</u>	<u>Re-referred to:</u>
2350, SD1, HD1	Committee on Agriculture, then to the Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources

RECESS

At 12:21 o'clock p.m., the Chair declared a recess and the House of Representatives stood in recess, subject to the call of the Chair, and in accordance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 35, met in Joint Session with the Senate, for the Hawaii Medal of Honor Ceremony.

JOINT SESSION

The Joint Session of the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Twenty-Sixth Legislature was called to order at 2:03 o'clock p.m. by the Honorable Calvin K. Y. Say, Speaker of the House.

The Speaker addressed the Chamber, stating:

REMARKS DELIVERED: Speaker Say

At this time, the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives, guests, and audience rose for the presentation of our Nation's and our State's Colors by the Joint Service Color Guard and the Hawaii Air National Guard Royal Guard. The singing of the National Anthem and *Hawaii Pono'i* was led by Ms. Megann Sala, thereafter the Hawaiian Blessing was delivered by Ms. Puakeala Mann from Halau Hula O Maiki.

Speaker Say then addressed the Members, guests and audience as follows:

REMARKS DELIVERED: Speaker Say

At this time, the Speaker introduced the following State, congressional and military leaders seated on the Floor of the House:

The Honorable Neil Abercrombie, Governor of the State of Hawaii;

The Honorable Brian Schatz, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawaii;

Representing the Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, United States Senator: Colonel Retired Walter Kaneakua;

Representing the Honorable Daniel K. Akaka, United States Senator: Mr. Ricky Oshiro;

Representing the Honorable Mazie K. Hirono, United States Congresswoman: Ms. Lauren Montez;

Representing the Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, United States Congresswoman: Mr. Richard Rapoza;

Mr. Bill Paty, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army;

Ms. Christina Kemmer, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army;

Major General Darryll D.M. Wong, The Adjutant General, Hawaii Department of Defense;

Representing United States Army Pacific and Lieutenant General Francis Wiercinski: Major General William Beard;

Representing the 8th Theater Sustainment Command and Major General Michael Terry: Mrs. Cathy Terry, accompanied by Colonel Glenn Grothe;

Brigadier General Gary M. Hara, Commander, Hawaii Army National Guard, and Mrs. Dianne Hara;

Brigadier General Stanley J. Osserman Jr., Commander, Hawaii Air National Guard;

Brigadier General Keith Gallagher, Commander, Tripler Army Medical Center, and Mrs. Sandra Gallagher;

Representing the 25th Infantry Division and Major General Bernard Champoux: Brigadier General Paul LaCamera;

Brigadier General Joseph Kim, Deputy Adjutant General, Hawaii Department of Defense;

Rear Admiral Fernandez Ponds, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii, and Mrs. Carolyn Ponds;

Representing United States Marine Forces Pacific and Lieutenant General Duane Thiessen: Colonel James Reilly;

Representing United States Coast Guard District 14 and Rear Admiral Charles Ray: Captain David Vaughn;

Representing the Hawaii National Guard, Chief of Joint Staff: Colonel Joe Logan, and Mrs. Gaylene Logan;

Colonel Brad Sakai, Commander, United States Air Force 154th Wing, and Mrs. Momi Sakai;

Command Chief Master Sergeant Robert Lee, Senior Enlisted Officer, Hawaii National Guard; and

Representing United States Pacific Air Forces and General Gary North: Chief Master Sergeant Robert Webb.

Speaker Say then called upon the Honorable Neil Abercrombie to deliver his remarks as follows:

REMARKS DELIVERED: Governor Abercrombie

Speaker Say then called upon Major General Darryll Wong to deliver his remarks on behalf of the military as follows:

REMARKS DELIVERED: Major General Darryll Wong

At this time, the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate presented the Hawaii Medal of Honor. The Clerk of the House announced the names of the Hawaii Medal of Honor recipients, which was followed by the ringing of the memorial bell.

United States Army Corporal Andrew C. Wilfahrt.
Corporal Wilfahrt was 31. He was from Rosemount, Minnesota and served with the 552nd Military Police Company, 728th Military Police Battalion, 8th Theater Sustainment Command from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Here to receive his medal were his friends, Specialist Russell Akers and Specialist Kevin Gill.

United States Army Staff Sergeant Mark C. Wells.
Staff Sergeant Wells was 31. He was from San Jose, California and served with the 74th Ordnance Company, 303rd Ordnance Battalion from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Here to receive his medal were members of his command team, First Sergeant David Silva and Major Aaron Workman.

United States Army Sergeant Kevin W. White.
Sergeant White was 22. He was from Westfield, New York and served with the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Here to receive his medal was family friend, Kyle Foster.

United States Army Specialist William S. Blevins.
Specialist Blevins was 21. He was from Sardinia, Ohio and served with the 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Here to receive his medal was family friend, Amanda Blair.

United States Army Private First Class Andrew M. Krippner.
Private First Class Krippner was 20. He was from Garland, Texas and served with the 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Here to receive his medal was family friend, Private First Class Cody Snee, who just a few days ago returned from Afghanistan.

United States Marine Corps Private First Class Josue Ibarra. Private First Class Ibarra was 21. He was from Midland, Texas and served with the 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force from Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Here to receive his medal was his Battery Commander, Captain Matthew Ritchie.

United States Army Private First Class Joshua L. Jetton. Private First Class Jetton was 21. He was from Sebring, Florida and served with the 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Here to receive his medal was family friend, Specialist Jeremy Canterbury.

United States Army Specialist Levi E. Nuncio. Specialist Nuncio was 25. He was from Harrisonburg, Virginia and served with the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Here to receive his medal were his parents, Raul and Berta Nuncio, his brother, Dan Nuncio, and his nephew, Daniel Rivera.

United States Army First Lieutenant Dimitri A. Del Castillo. First Lieutenant Del Castillo was 24. He was from Tampa, Florida and served with the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Here to receive his medal was his wife, Katie Del Castillo.

United States Army Staff Sergeant Nigel D. Kelly. Staff Sergeant Kelly was 26. He was from Menifee, California and served with the 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Here to receive his medal was his wife, Catia Kelly and his goddaughter Mea Hillard.

United States Army Specialist Kevin J. Hilaman. Specialist Hilaman was 28. He was from Albany, California and served with the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Here to receive his medal was his former commander, Major Christopher Blum.

United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Christopher L. Camero. Lance Corporal Camero was 19. He was from Kailua-Kona, Hawaii and a 2010 graduate of Honokaa High School on the island of Hawaii. He served with the 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force from Twentynine Palms, California. Here to receive his medal were his parents, Carlos and Norma Camero and his sister Sarrah Camero.

United States Army Staff Sergeant James M. Christen. Staff Sergeant Christen was 29. He was from Loomis, California and served with the 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Here to receive his medal was his wife, Lauren Christen.

United States Army Sergeant William B. Gross Paniagua. Sergeant Gross Paniagua was 28. He was from Daly City, California and served with the 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Here to receive his medal was his sister, Felicia Gross.

United States Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer Kraig M. Vickers. Senior Chief Petty Officer Vickers was 36. He was from Kokomo, Hawaii and a graduate of Maui High School. He was a Navy explosive ordnance disposal specialist and served with an East Coast-based Navy SEAL Team. Here to receive his medal were his wife Nani Vickers and their children Kala'i, Mali'e and Kalei. Also here were his parents, Bob and Mary Vickers.

United States Army Sergeant First Class Houston M. Taylor. Sergeant First Class Taylor was 25. He was from Hurst, Texas and served with the 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Here to receive his medal was family friend, Staff Sergeant Cipriano Castenada.

United States Army Specialist Ronald Wildrick. Specialist Wildrick was 30. He was from Blairstown, New Jersey and served with the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Here to receive his medal was a member of his platoon, Specialist Joshua Beach.

United States Army Staff Sergeant Joseph J. Altmann. Staff Sergeant Altmann was 27. He was from Marshfield, Wisconsin and served with the 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Here to receive his medal was his wife, Nikki Altmann.

The Clerk of the Senate proceeded to read the names of the other Hawaii Medal of Honor recipients whose friends and family could not be at the ceremony today:

United States Army Private First Class Thomas C. Allers

United States Army Staff Sergeant Kristofferson B. Lorenzo

United States Army Sergeant Jacob Molina

United States Marine Corps Corporal Nicholas S. Ott

United States Army Staff Sergeant Christopher R. Newman

United States Army Sergeant Christopher L. Muniz

President Tsutsui then gave his closing remarks as follows:

REMARKS DELIVERED: President Tsutsui

At this time, Members of the Hickam Base Honor Guard proceeded with a 3-Volley Salute and the playing of Taps outside the House Chamber in the Capitol Rotunda, which was then followed by a moment of silence.

The President of the Senate then called on the Joint Service Color Guard and the Hawaii Air National Guard Royal Guard for the retiring of the Colors, and at 3:00 o'clock p.m., declared the Joint Session of the House of Representatives and the Senate adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

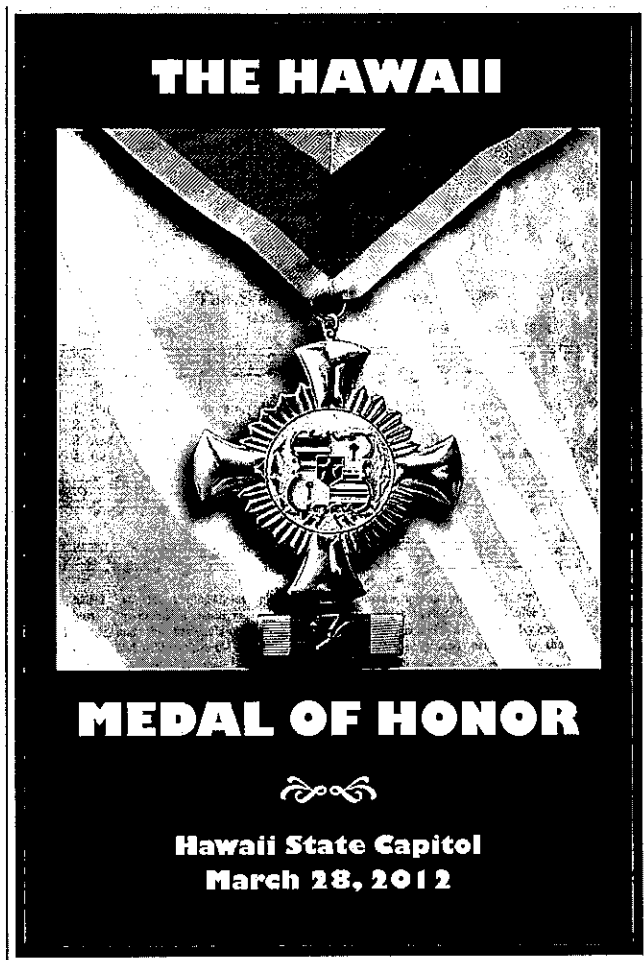
At 12:00 o'clock midnight, the House of Representatives adjourned until 12:00 o'clock noon, Friday, March 30, 2012.

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

House Communication dated March 28, 2012, from CJ Leong, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and Members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the House has disagreed to the amendments made by the Senate to the following House Bills:

H.B. No. 2429, HD 1, SD 1

H.B. No. 2584, HD 1, SD 1



Symbolism of the Hawaii Medal of Honor

The Hawaii Medal of Honor was designed by Sergeant First Class Aaron Pollick from the Hawaii Army National Guard. This medal consists of the following six components, superimposed on each other:

Circle of Kalo Leaves: The kalo leaves represent the family or Ohana. The leaves are designed in an encircled fashion and represents the concept of Ohana, which we strive to embrace.

Coat of Arms: The Great Shield is the keystone of the design. The eight bars represent the eight major islands of the State of Hawaii. The kapu sticks, or Pulo'ulo'u, symbolize authority and protection. The star in the center of the medallion is the Star of Hawaii, the 50th star on the flag of the United States. This star also represents the honorees of this prestigious award.

Maltese Cross: The Maltese Cross represents the four directional axes of the globe, denoting Hawaii as the Crossroads of the Pacific.

Sun Rays: The irradiant sun is symbolic of the new era. Its position in the center of the Maltese Cross represents our sunny shores and warm hearts ever shining on all the corners of the world.

The Neck Drape: The neck drape is red and golden yellow in color. These colors symbolize the royal monarchy that once ruled these islands. The red represents courage and strength. The golden yellow depicts the honor that the recipients have brought to our islands.

Service Ribbon & Attachment: The service ribbon represents distinguished service. Its colors are identical to the colors of the neck drape. The attachment device at the middle of the ribbon is an ancient flag or puela of Hawaiian Chiefs. In olden times, the puela was raised above the sail of the ancient Hawaiians' canoes while at sea. Our puela signifies that the person receiving this medal is of high rank or honor.

Hawaii Medal of Honor Program

JOINT SESSION OF THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE HOUSE CHAMBERS MARCH 28, 2012 - 2:00 PM

Call to Order	House Speaker Calvin K.Y. Say
Pu Kani	Mr. Jordan Kamea'i'omakamae Vargas
Posting of the Colors	United States Pacific Command Joint Service Color Guard Hawaii Air National Guard Royal Guard
National Anthem & Hawaii Pono'i	Ms. Megann Sala
Hawaiian Blessing	Ms. Puakeala Mann Halau Hula O Maiki
Welcome & Introduction of Guests	House Speaker Calvin K.Y. Say
Governor's Message	Governor Neil Abercrombie
Military Address	Major General Darryll D.M. Wong
Hawaii Medal of Honor Presentation	House Speaker Calvin K.Y. Say Senate President Shan S. Tsutsui Governor Neil Abercrombie Major General Darryll D.M. Wong
Presentation of Certificates	Representative Henry J.C. Aquino Senator Will Espero Lieutenant Governor Brian Schatz
Rendering of Honors	JBPHH Navy Detachment Honor Guard
3-Volley Salute	Hickam Base Honor Guard
Taps	Marine Forces Pacific Band
Closing Remarks	Senate President Shan S. Tsutsui
Retiring of the Colors	

2012 Hawaii Medal of Honor Recipients

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 United States Army Staff Sergeant Joseph J. Altmann

From House Bill 8, designated as Act 21, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005:

"The purpose of this Act is to provide for a Hawaii Medal of Honor that would help express the deep appreciation and gratitude of the People of Hawaii to the loved ones of members of the military who sacrificed their lives in defense of our nation and its freedoms."

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Colonel Timothy Fujino, Hawaii Air National Guard
Pearl Harbor Historic Sites:
- Paul DePrey, USS Arizona Memorial & World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument
- Gerald Hofwolt, USS Bowfin Submarine Museum & Park
- Michael Carr, Battleship Missouri Memorial
- Kenneth DeHoff, Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor
Lucy Lau, Hale Koa Hotel
Shaun Singh, Polynesian Cultural Center
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Planning Committee

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Senate President Shan S. Tsutsui
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